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REPORT

Date march 5, 1937.

Subject The "Emigrants' Thought," Russian weekly newspaper.

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On March 4, 1937 the local Russian weekly newspaper entitled "Emigrants' Thought" resumed publication after one month's suspension. It appears that during this period the newspaper was reorganized. Professor M.P. Golovatcheff is now the publisher of the "Emigrants' Thought" while the editorial functions have been entrusted to a collegium. Although the names of persons comprising the collegium have not been revealed, there are reasons to believe that it consists of several Russian ex-officers including General K.K. Akintievsky (President of the Russian Ex-Officers' Club in Shanghai), Generals I.S. Smolin and E.G. Sycheff and Captain M.U. Fomin (President of the General Committee of Russian Emigrants Association in Shanghai). The editorial and printing offices are situated at 197 Route Winling and 55 Route Paul Henry respectively.

A declaration of an "initiative group of active Russian patriots" which appeared in the issue dated March 4, 1937 of the newspaper in question, may be regarded as an outline of its policy.

Referring to the much discussed question of the attitude to be adopted by Russian emigres in the event of an armed conflict between the U.S.S.R. and certain foreign powers, the authors of the declaration denounce the harmful activities of various groups of renegades among Russian emigres, which are ready to become mere mercenaries of foreign powers in their struggle against Russia. In particular, the pro-Japanese clique of Ataman Semenoff in Manchoukuo - "the most odious of such groups" - is mentioned.

On the other hand it is pointed out that the advocates

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of unconditional defence of the U.S.S.R. against foreign aggressors fail to distinguish between the interests of the national Russia and those of her communist oppressors and, therefore, are playing a dangerous game. Their pro-Soviet propaganda may seriously compromise Russian emigres in various foreign countries which have been according them their hospitality.

In the opinion of the authors of the declaration the majority of Russian emigres has little sympathy with the abovementioned political factions. Therefore, a unification of all national thinking elements among them is recommended on a programme based on the following three principles:-

1. Struggle against communism with a view to the liberation of Russia. This is considered the main duty of every Russian nationalist party.
2. Defence of the interests of national Russia against her external enemies.

   "We are firmly convinced that this principle must also be included in the programme of every Russian nationalist party. A state consists of territory, people and government. We defend the territory of Russia and the interests of her people, but we do not defend her present government."
3. Unity of Russian emigres and maintaining contact with nationalist elements in foreign countries which are friendly to Russia.

   "Without this principle the other two are impracticable. It is often pointed out that the national Russia has no friends. We maintain that in politics not friends, but reliable allies should be sought. Time is coming when the

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growing red danger will compel foreign powers to realise the value of Russian nationalists, both in Russia and abroad. Then we shall find sincere and reliable allies among them and a reasonable agreement will be possible between Russian national thinking emigres and foreign countries. We are fully prepared to participate in such foreign intervention against the Third International. To render it possible, a unification of Russian emigres must first be accomplished - not an amalgamation of all existing political groups, but a unity of their national aspirations based on the three principles outlined above."

W. Prokofiev.

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Section 2, Special Branch Shanghai.

REPORT

Date November 5, 1936

Subject The "EMIGRANTS' THOUGHT", new Russian newspaper in Shanghai.

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The Russian weekly newspaper entitled "EMIGRANTS' THOUGHT" which made its first appearance in Shanghai on November 5, is edited and published by Professor M.P. Golovachoff, residing at 276 Rue Tenant de la Tour, and is printed in a small printing shop situated in House 16, Passage 222, Avenue du Roi Albert.

From perusal of the first issue of the newspaper in question it would appear that it is intended to be a review and digest of Russian political thought outside the U.S.S.R. and will endeavour to facilitate the process of unification of Russian emigres on the platform of Russian national ideals.

Pointing out that the present time is the most critical epoch ever experienced by the world, the editor declares that the basic principle of the policy of his newspaper is " the firm conviction that only liberation of the Russian people from the communist yoke can save the world from the final catastrophe" He is also convinced that Russian emigres, as a part of the Russian people, are called upon to participate in the struggle of the latter against communism.

"It is just because the crisis is approaching that the newspaper 'Emigrants' Thought' has come into existence. To render oneself full account of the meaning of this crisis is not only a dictate of the natural instict of self-preservation, but also an expression of will to victory."

"To organize the political thought of Russian emigres as a factor in the struggle for sound ideals is a problem of the day, without solution of which victory is impossible. The 'Emigrants' Thought' will be happy to be able to facilitate even in the smallest way the process of working out a clearly defined ideological programme of struggle against communism,

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So long as it confines itself to expression of political opinion without inciting to violence or to local breach of peace there appears to be no objection. Must be watched.

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which may lead to the regeneration of our Motherland".

"The 'Emigrants Thought' will also pay great attention to problems arising out of every-day life of Russians in exile, as this life presents material for foreign peoples to form their opinion of how Russian emigres live. Therefore, it is a very responsible part of the activities of Russian emigres"...

"Carrying out as far as possible their basic task, namely: assisting, within possible bounds, the process of the regeneration of the Russian people and organizing and improving their own life in exile, Russian emigres must always remain loyal towards the states which accord them their hospitality, because this loyalty will best enable them to carry out their national duty".....

Professor Mstislav Petrovitch Golovachoff, Russian, was born on 16.9.1893 at Enisseysk, Siberia. He left Russia for China in 1923 and subsequently resided in Harbin where he was active as a publicist and a lecturer on International Law at the Juridical Faculty and later in the St. Vladimir's Institute. In In 1917 he was the Minister of Foreign Affairs in a very short lived anti-Bolshevik Government in Siberia and since that time has been associated with the so-called Siberian Autonomous Movement. Leaders of this movement are reported to have been seeking the support of the Japanese military circles in order to realize their aspirations in Siberia. However, it appears that after the establishment of the Manchoukuo state Golovacheff, who was one of the leaders of the Siberian Autonomous Movement, failed to win the favour of Ataman Semenoff, the only Russian political leader tolerated and supported by the present rulers of Manchuria. This is reported to have been the cause of his

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forced departure from Harbin to Shanghai in October, 1935.

Arrangements have been made to obtain this newspaper regularly.
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E. Prokofiev
D. S. I.

Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch)

Translation from Russian

November 5, 1936

Shanghai.

To Commissioner of Police,
International Settlement, Shanghai.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that beginning from this date I shall publish in the French Concession a weekly newspaper entitled "EMIGRANTS' THOUGHT," which will be of a national-public character.

Enclosed herewith is one copy of the newspaper.

I am, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Mstislav Golovacheff,
Professor.

P.A.
Short comment on the copy

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Имею за последнее.

Настоящим имею честь поставить Вас в известность, что с сего числа я выпускаю на французском языке еженедельную газету под названием Extrême Asie, национально общественного характера.

Препровождая при сем один экземпляр означенной газеты, прошу принять уверение в совершенном уважении и преданности

Мстислав Головачев

профессор